Further, with a view to promote agricultural exports from the country and to have an integrated approach to exploit the region-specific comparative advantages of India, Agriculture Export Zones (AEZ) have been notified under the EXIM Policy. Uttaranchal has already been identified for setting up an AEZ for medicinal plants.

(b) Seven districts in the State of Uttaranchal namely, Uttarkashi, Chamoli, Pithoragarh, Dehradun, Nanital, Haridwarand Udham Singh Nagar have been notified under the AEZ. Special emphasis has been laid on ten high value species. The names of the species and quantities to be produced and exported during the next five years are as follows:

Common names of the products	quantity (in MTs)
Kutki	50.00
Jatamansi	200.00
Aconite	10.00
Van Kakdi	50.00
Chirata	80.00
Kuth	50.00
Tagar	50.00
Lavender	150.00
Kalihari	50.00
Sarpgandha	500.00
TOTAL	1190.00

Since the production of these herbs is yet to start, no exports are envisaged during 2003-04. The total export turnover envisaged over the next five years is estimated to be around Rs. 71 crores.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

FDI Norms for Radio Broadcasting

*96. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) norms for radio broadcasting;

(b) whether the guidelines for the same have been formulated, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the licence fee/entry fee for TV, print media and radio broadcasting is very high and the Government propose to abolish this fee; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (d)The Government had, on 24th July, 2003, constituted a Committee to make recommendations for radio broadcasting for Phase II. The terms of reference to the committee, inter alia included (i) making suggestions regarding extent of Foreign Equity Participation in private FM in order to make them economically more viable/sustainable while also keeping in mind regimes in other sectors and requirements of national security and (ii) assessment of a viable licence fee structure for the various cities (one time entry fee, fixed licence fees, revenue sharing, etc) based on clearly defined parameters. The committee has, on 17th November, 2003, submitted its report to the Government.

No Licence fee/entry fee for obtaining permission of uplinking TV channels is being charged by this Ministry. So far as the Print media is concerned, there is no licence fee/entry fee prescribed. However an application fee of Rs. 5000/- (Rupees five thousand only) is prescribed for proposals for foreign investment in print media. The license fee for radio has been determined by bids received in open auction.

Shortage of Nurses

*97. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the shortage of trained nurses in the country;

(b) the short term and long term plans made to meet this shortage; and

(c) the steps taken to stop the migration of nurses to other countries?